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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

PEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

<u>X</u> Specification [Total Pages 10] $\frac{X}{X}$ Drawing(s) (35USC 113) [Total Pages _ Declaration and Power of Attorney [Total Pages

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i. ___

b. ___ Copy from prior application (37CFR 1.63(d)) (for continuation/divisional with Box 14 completed)

[Note Box 4 Below]

DELETION OF INVENTOR(S) Signed statement attached deleting Inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

Incorporation By Reference (usable if Box 3b is checked) The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 3b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

Assignment Papers (cover sheet & documentation)

6. X Letter under 37 CFR 1.41(c).

English Translation Document (if applicable)

Information Disclosure Copies of IDS Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Citations

Preliminary Amendment

10. X Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)

Small Entity Status (37 CFR 1.27)

12. X Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) German Application No 100 03 310.5 filed January 27, 2000

Other:_

14. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION	, check	appropriate box	and	supply	the	requisite	information:
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Proposed Patent Application for KLAUS DIETRICH and MICHAEL SPERLING entitled "POSTAGE METER MACHINE AND SECURITY MODULE THEREFOR", consisting of specification, claims, 1 sheet of informal drawings, Certified Copy of German application 100 03 310.5 Attorney Docket No. P00,1896

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Re:

Proposed Patent Application for KLAUS DIETRICH and MICHAEL SPERLING entitled "POSTAGE METER MACHINE AND SECURITY MODULE THEREFOR", Attorney Docket No. P00,1896

SIR:

Under the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.41 (c), I am filing the attached application with 9 claims, 1 sheet of informal drawings and filing fee on behalf of KLAUS DIETRICH and MICHAEL SPERLING and request that the application papers be assigned a serial number and filing date.

I request that the application be assigned a Serial No. and Filing Date pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f).

Respectfully submitted,

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